

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held July 13, 2006

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Steve Frias, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission.

Minutes of Open Meetings held on June 22, 2006 - After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following company submitted an application for authority to provide telecommunication services in RI. The Division has reviewed the application and recommended approval of:

2262(N20) – Integrated Services, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The following companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension of:

3598 – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 6/23/06)

2535 – Cox RI Telcom (tariff filing 6/6/06)

2472 – Sprint Communications (tariff filings 6/20 & 6/23/06)

2618 – AT&T Communications (tariff filing 6/30/06)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission Services (tariff filing 6/30/06)

3182 – Metropolitan Telecommunications of RI (tariff filing 7/6/06)

2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 6/23 & 6/30/06)

After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

3747 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to grandfather termination and end-of-period options for the Business Exchange Measured Service and implement a new termination calculation and methodology and policy. The Division filed a memo indicating that it has reviewed the filing and finds that Verizon's tariff filing is in conformance with Verizon's Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550. After review, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve the filing and Commissioner Bray moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3751 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to propose increases to selected Value Added Services (VAS) for residence customers for effect July 15, 2006.

The Division filed a memo indicating that it has reviewed the filing and finds that Verizon's tariff filing is in conformance with Verizon's Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550. After review, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve the filing and Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3753 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to revise existing RI Integrated Services Digital Network - Primary Rate Interface (ISDN PRI) services for effect July 20, 2006. After review, the Commission unanimously agreed to follow the Division's recommendation to allow the tariff filing to go into effect without suspension.

3754 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to propose a \$1.00 decrease to the monthly recurring reduction for Lifeline Telephone Service for unlimited basic exchange service for effect July 15, 2006. The Division filed a memo indicating that it has reviewed the filing and finds that Verizon's tariff filing is in conformance with Verizon's Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550. After review, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve the filing and Commissioner Bray moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** Commissioner Bray requested that Verizon include language in the customer notice, that the bill reflects a \$1.00 increase because the LifeLine subsidy is no longer there.

3752 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted for approval an Interconnection Agreement (ICA) together w/ Amendment No. 1 to Agreement executed between Verizon RI and Ymax Communications Corp. The Division has reviewed the ICA and Amendment and recommended approval. After review, Chairman Germani entertained for a motion to approve the ICAs and Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the ICAs. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

2379(X1) – Consumer Energy Solutions, Inc. – The Company filed an application for authority to operate as gas marketer in RI. The Division has reviewed the application and recommended approval. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3605 - Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid – In compliance with Order No. 18495, Narragansett submitted a Last Resort Service (LRS) Market Assessment recommending that the company continue to procure power supply for LRS under the current LRS Acquisition Plan. The Company proposes to procure LRS supply for the period November 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007 for both the Commercial & Industrial customer group and the Residential Group. The Division filed a memo indicating that it had reviewed the filing and recommended approval of Narragansett's LRS procurement proposal. After review, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve Narragansett's LRS procurement proposal as filed. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3569 – Pascoag Utility District – Pascoag submitted a tariff filing to revise its Optional Credit/Debit Card Payment Provision which provides customers the option to pay their bill with a credit or debit card for effect August 1, 2006. Pascoag proposes a flat fee of \$3.25 per transaction for residential and non-residential customers. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve Pascoag’s tariff filing. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion. Commissioner Holbrook dissented. **Vote 2-1.**

3707 – Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) – NBC submitted its compliance tariffs and proof of revenues at proposed rates incorporating additional revenues in the amount of \$2,348,622 as authorized by the PUC. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommended approval of NBC’s compliance filing as filed. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the NBC’s compliance filing. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.